

ELECTION AND REMARKS TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The applicant has reviewed the Restriction Requirement of April 23, 2009. The applicant submits that this paper is responsive to all points raised therein.

I. Restriction into Groups

In accordance with the Restriction Requirement, the claims have been classified in four groups, as follows:

Group I, claims 1-16 and 56-61, for a robot;

Group II, claims 17-36, for a docking station; and

Group III, claims 37-55, for a system of a robot and a docking station.

II. Election of Group

Applicant elects to prosecute claims 37-55 of Group III. This election is made without traverse.

In making this election without traverse, the applicant reserves all rights in claims 1-16 and 56-61, corresponding to Group I, and claims 17-36, corresponding to Group II, to file Divisional and/or Continuation patent applications.

Accordingly, claims 1-16 and 56-61 of Group I, and claims 17-36 of Group II, are withdrawn at this time, until cancelled in a subsequent paper.

III. Remarks

It is further asserted that with respect to the claims of Groups I, II and III, these claims, by searching the elected claims of Group III, the Examiner will also be searching subject matter relevant to Groups I and II, that were not elected. Accordingly, it is believed that these three claim groups, could be searched in a single search from a non-divergent search field. Moreover, this single search would not be burdensome, as the technological field is narrow.

IV. Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

The applicant believes that additional fees are not required. However, if any fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Response, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-0600.

Respectfully submitted,
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